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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

THROUGH : Deputy Project Director

SUBJECT : Per Diem for Overseas Bases, Project AQUATONE

REFERENCE : SAPC-11565 dated 12 February 1957, same subject.

1. We have carefully reviewed referenced memorandum and the figures contained therein, and we recommend the following:

a. Per diem rate for officers and civilians located at Base "B" to be established at the maximum allowable rate prescribed by the Joint Travel Regulations - i.e. \$8.00 per day.

b. That this rate be established unilaterally by Headquarters without further correspondence with Base "B".

2. The present rate for officers and civilians at Base "A" results in a net remaining for incidentals, after cost of quarters and meals are deducted, of \$3.70 per day. Present expenses for officers and civilians, billeted two per trailer, at Base "B" range in the \$3.85 - \$4.15 area. If the lower figure on expenses is accepted, this leaves a net remaining for incidentals, based on the \$6.00 per day per diem rate, of \$2.15. The difference as between the net remaining for incidentals at Base "A" (\$3.70), and the net remaining for incidentals at Base "B" (\$2.15), thus amounts to \$1.55. The rate established by the Joint Travel Regulations as the maximum (Turkey) is \$8.00. If the \$6.00 rate now in effect at Base "B" is increased to \$8.00, this would seemingly result in a net remaining for incidentals of approximately \$4.15 per officer or civilian, and is comparable with net remaining for similar categories of personnel at Base "A". See Table A attached.

a. If we desire to exactly equalize the proposed net remaining for incidentals as between the two bases, we would raise the Base "B" per diem rate to \$7.55 - or \$.45 below the maximum authorized. One of main arguments is that it is normal Air Force practice to authorize the maximum per diem rate for a given area, and we are convinced of the correctness of this statement. If the less desirable living conditions at Base "B" as contrasted to Base "A" are considered, and we also recognize common Air Force practice of utilizing maximum per diem rates, it does not seem worth while in my opinion to continue friction between components

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of the military and this Agency over a matter of \$.45 per man per day. I would consider it much more desirable to swallow the whole per diem package and thus, I should hope, slay the dragon once and for all.

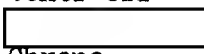
3. We recommend the adoption of the proposals outlined in paragraph 1, and with your concurrence, will prepare a suitable dispatch to the field.

 
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Director of Administration

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Attachment:
Table "A"

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